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## THE MEXICAN SITUATION

FROM AN OPEN LETTER ISSUED BY THE PEACE COMMITTEE OF THE QUAKERS

Mexico suffers from the misgovernment of centuries. The land has been, and is, held in vast tracts by private owners, of whom many are foreigners. While there are exceptions, nearly all these landholders have for generations reduced their tenants to penury, or practical serfdom, and have forced them into ignorance and depraved conditions of life.

The vast natural resources of Mexico, in oil and minerals, have been made over by concessions to English, German, French, Dutch and American owners on such terms that the national wealth flows to other lands, and the native Mexican wealth is exploited so that the workers continue impoverished and unenlightened.

The dictatorial and autocratic power of earlier presidents crushed out the democratic spirit and imposed throughout Mexico the rule of unscrupulous and all-powerful political agents, who manipulated elections, administered the laws to suit the interests in power, and ruled with ruthless military authority.

Education, marriage and other social institutions have been church monopolies, and have resulted in ignorance and general neglect of what we consider common duties of decent living. Insurrection, revolution and local anarchy have prevailed for a period of years.

From the chaos some order is gradually appearing. In the judgment of men competent to form an intelligent and fair opinion, the so-called First Chief and his assistants are endeavoring honestly and with a fair measure of success to restore government and redress the age-old wrongs of the Mexican people.

A large number of the states are at peace. As rapidly and justly as possible land is allotted to small holders on terms that guarantee continued cultivation of the soil and the independence of the workers. The local political autocrats of the earlier regime are being gradually supplanted by duly constituted civil officers, who represent the best element in their communities. The church monopolies are abridged and education and other important matters placed under civil authority. In a number of states traffic in alcoholic drinks has been abolished with immediate good results.

There has developed an intense rivalry among the different states to see which can organize the greatest number of schools. Already there are said to be twenty times as many schools as in the last epoch of President Diaz, and under the influence of Carranza five hundred teachers have been sent to the United States to study modern pedagogy and school administration.

Several of the states, chiefly in the north near the United States border, are unsettled and in insurrection. Roving bands of outlaws

## DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES IN WEST VIRGINIA



These Look Like Good and Strong Men. They Are.

Cuts by courtesy of Cincinnati Enquirer.

are abroad and lawless leaders are making trouble.

For a time such men will make raids and commit depredations not only in Mexico, but occasionally over the border in the United States.

The boundary between the United States and Mexico is 1766 miles long, as far as from New York to Denver. Most of this distance is wild mountain country, without roads and with very little water. For hundreds of miles there is no railroad on the Mexican side, and troops of either country must be transported on the United States railroad. Such a border cannot be patrolled so as to prevent occasional incursions by outlaw bands, and it is more criminal than foolish for the press to urge such chance acts of outlawry as a cause for war.

**HAVE A HEART.**—Somebody wrote to a press-clipping bureau recently and asked them kindly to furnish clippings from all the American papers of all the article published during the last year in regard to the European War.—St. Louis Star.

Every man who owns an automobile will sympathize with Candidate Hughes, who has a German-American vote on his hands and cannot afford to keep it or throw it away.—New York Masses.

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### MRS. HOWARD MADE AN ADDRESS TO A SUFFRAGE MEETING

On the day of the sudden death of Mrs. O. A. Howard she attended a suffrage tea and while there read the article given below. After it was through, she turned to Mrs. N. R. Price, who was sitting beside her, and said in a joking way, that that was the first speech that she had ever made and would she take it and have it published.

Mrs. Howard went to her home and within a half hour after she got there her death was announced. The mystery attending it has created more excitement than anything which has ever occurred in the county. She will long be remembered as the woman of good deeds. She was ever ready to help in times of sickness, distress and death.

The following is the address that she made at the meeting: President Wilson outlined his position on equal suffrage for women in a letter to the Jane Jefferson Democratic Club, a woman's organization, and made public at its annual banquet.

"One of the strongest forces behind the equal suffrage sentiment of the country," says the President, "is the now demonstrated fact that in suffrage states women interest themselves in public questions, study them thoroughly, form their opinions and divide as men do concerning them."

Referring to advocates of state and national action on suffrage, the letter continues:

"Both great political parties of the nation have in their recent platforms favored the extension of suffrage to women through state action, and I do not see how their candidates can consistently disregard these official declarations. I shall endeavor to make the declaration of my own party in this matter effectual by every influence that I can properly and legitimately exercise."

Woman's part in the progress of the race, the letter says, "is as important as man's" and "suffrage and service go hand in hand."

"The war in Europe has forever set at rest the notions that nations depend in times of stress wholly upon their men."

## "ST. REMY"

By ANNA L. PRICE.

On the ruins of St. Remy, France, a famous old church, the Romish prelate is found Sunday, August 20, alone and kneeling in prayer on a heap of debris from the cathedral, in spite of the cannonading still progressing.

Behold him there, he kneels alone, Upon debris and blackened stone; His parish flock have fled the spot, But he, their shepherd, stirreth not.

The cannon belches murderous hail, The bombs in red hot columns fall; But unalarmed, unmoved he prays, As tho' the scenes were peaceful days.

St. Remy, once so grand, so fair, Ashes and dust, now all that's there; Save this lone man so weak yet strong— O Jesu Lord, how long, how long!

The words of Holy Writ are true, There shall be earth and heaven new; And 'mid the carnage, fire and din, The Kingdom of Christ is coming in.

## RIMEL

One week of tolerable hay weather; grass is fine if it could be saved. Corn in this section is good; tomatoes and cucumbers a failure on account of blight.

Frank Rider and family have gone to Fayette county to visit relatives.

Milford Ryder has gone to Kentucky to go to school.

G. W. Huntley, Jr., was a business caller in town this week. His railroad is within two miles of here, but is resting.

Misses Dora and Bessie Keys of Alvon; are stopping here for a few days. Miss Bessie will attend teachers' institute at Marlinton this week.

C. A. Gum, sheriff of Bath county, Va., was here one night last week with a prisoner for the authorities in Greenbrier county, — a man named Whitman, charged with an assault upon a young lady.

Leslie Rimel and family of Apopka, Florida, are visiting relatives and friends in the county at present. They report times good in the south.

Mrs. D. C. Daan expects to start to the State Sanitarium August 29.

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## "A POLL OF THE PRESS"

There might be a law requiring newspapers to print at the head of each editorial a personal sketch of the writer, giving his name, characteristics, and qualifications for treating the subject. Then the weekly news digests, instead of giving us the impressive information that "the St. Louis 'Globe Democrat' says so and so, while on the other hand, the Cleveland 'Plaindealer' has it such and such, although a middle ground is taken by the Boston 'Transcript,'" would discourse about thus:

On the matter of our national preparedness, Homer T. Boggs, an ardent butterfly collector and taxidermist, and for ten years a copy reader, promoted to editorial writing because he was an authority on "shall" and "will," says in the Chicago "Horn":

The criminal negligence of the Administration in the matter of our coast defenses calls for immediate action. In the turret carriages at Fort Totten the hydro-pneumatic buffer is still used, in which the liquid is forced out of the hydraulic cylinder and, by recoil, passes into an air chamber, compressing the air sufficiently to give the pressure for returning the gun to the firing position as soon as the valve is opened between the air chamber and the hydraulic cylinder. What defense would such a gun be against the powerful Krupp of the invading German army?

Wilbur T. Nubbin, who has written editorials ever since he was on his school paper, and has his own ideas on the Ten Commandments and Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, agreeing with them heartily, known to his friends as "Loud Needle Wilbur" and shunned like an elm-tree beetle, writing to fill out a column in the

Millwaukee "Badger," says: The inexcusable delay in actual military intervention in Mexico has been one of the disgraces of the Administration, covered with disgrace as it already was. A short, quick, and, if need be, bloody campaign would long ago have done more toward the settlement of this question than any amount of negotiation.

In discussing President Wilson's action against the German Government, John William Duggins, authority on Russian Poland in the eighteenth century, says in the Cincinnati "Blatt":

President Wilson is playing a double game. While pretending to reprimand the German Government, he has in mind actual concinnance with the hyphens of this country. He is thinking to himself: "I can thereby get the German vote." In his inmost heart Mr. Wilson is conspiring against the United States.

If what is known as the Press of the Country were reduced to such personal and individual terms, a poll of the press would assume the dignity of a poll of opinion in Spriggin's general store.—Colliers

## WHY PAY RENT?

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L. S. SHOEMAKER,  
Real Estate & Stocks,  
Marlinton, W. Va.

## Notice

Notice is hereby given that the dental business and outfit of the late Dr. E. H. Hill has been bought by Dr. C. S. Kramer, of Cass, and the office will be open by Dr. Kramer after September 4th. This 18th of August, 1916.  
CLARA R. HILL, Admrx.

## Thrift Is Power

Japan's ambition to be a world power called forth an imperial edict telling the people to save.

In three years, since 1912, the number of Japanese with accounts in savings banks has increased to 20,655,830, one-half the whole population.

In the United States today, only 19 out of every hundred persons have savings accounts.

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The prophet who told the "forty-niners" that some day a man would drive his own carriage from New York to San Francisco in six days would have been locked up in the asylum—or shot.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dr. Kramer will open his dental office in Dr. Hill's old stand, next Monday, September 4.